

Goldfish cruise through at Shimmy



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I am a Joburg kid and I love those streets, but I must say that, aside from the wine farms and the Kirstenbosch Summer Concerts, Goldfish's annual Submerged Sundays residency (which usually runs for about ten weeks) at Shimmy Beach Club is a staple of mine since moving to Cape Town.

There are few things better in life than dancing barefoot in the sand, beer in hand, surrounded by friends and jamming to the sweet sounds of Goldfish's jazzy tunes. On Saturday, 7 May, the Submerged event kicked off, but, because there was no way we were going home until Sunday morning, it was definitely still a Submerged Sunday in my mind. Since it was the last one for the year, before Goldfish head out to Dubai, everyone went big.



Forever exciting Goldfish

Goldfish's duo is made up of Dominic Peters and David Poole. Both are Capetonian classically trained Jazz musicians. The duo has been slaying the electronic music scene since 2005 when their debut album, Caught in the Loop, launched. Four more albums, three compilations and a string of hit singles later and they have won two South African Music Awards, an MTV Africa Music Award and become well-known internationally, especially in Europe. I have been to more Goldfish shows than I can remember, but I get excited every time I attend a show. Their brand of music is just so laid back and catchy that you can't get tired of it.



A Submerged session isn't a Submerged session without an international guest artist lined up to add more fuel to the party fire. This time we were graced by another Shimmy staple, German electronic DJ, Wankelmut. The 28-year-old Berliner rose to worldwide fame with remix hits like "One Day / Reckoning Song" and "My Head Is a Jungle" with Emma Louise. The rest of the line-up included X Ray, Thank Me Later, JET and Minx. The event itself was sponsored by MINI and Heineken and they had Shimmy Beach Club all decked out in its best party clothes.



Cruising the hits

Wankelmut warmed up the crowd, but Goldfish is what we all went to see and when they came on stage the crowd went mental. At some point I was right in the thick of things and had a Cinderella moment and lost my shoe. The duo just kept dropping banger after banger that lifted everyone's spirits. They hit us with jams like "Choose Your Own Adventure", "Cruising Through", "Hold Tight", "Heart Shaped Box" and "One Million Views".



I don't know about everyone else, but by the time the night came to an end I was standing there with my beer in hand, feet in the sand and with some chums around me thinking that that was pretty radical. It was another cool Submerged session and oh boy were we submerged in those tunes! Until next year...

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